

REMARKS

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed to obtain entry and consideration of the amendments proposed in Applicants' Rule 116 Amendment filed 16 June 2004.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner expressed concern about whether or not the "coated" limitation and the "increase" limitation are supported in the original specification.

At page 3, lines 21-22, the Examiner will see the expression "... an increased grip (frictional force)...". It is therefore clear that for the purpose of this application the term "grip" has the meaning of frictional force.

It is also clearly stated in the same paragraph that the object of the invention is to provide "increased grip...in the grip tab regions."

At page 4, beginning at line 17 and following the discussion of coating the grip tab regions, the specification teaches that a further way to increase the grip (i.e., the static friction) is by etching, grinding, or embossing. The expression "a further possibility" would clearly be taken to mean that the subject of the immediately preceding paragraph was also a possible way to increase static friction.


The presence of a coating, etching, grinding or embossing to

increase static friction is therefore fully supported in the specification.

Further support for "coating" can also be found at page 5, line 30.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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